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## Letter from George Sibley to James Barbour, July 4, 1825

George Champlin Sibley

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ALS G.C. Sibley, B.H. Reeves, Franklin

To: (Sec. of War. James Barbour)

Sir,

We have the honor to inform you the above shall leave this place in a day or two, with our equipment and whole outfit, and shall proceed to the frontier near Fort Osage and expect to set out for our survey towards Santa Fe about the 15<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> inst. We shall proceed with all proper dispatch to discharge the arduous duties assigned us.

If we are not detained too long at the boundary line of the U. States (waiting for authority to pass on to Mexican Territory) we expect to be able to complete our whole survey to the frontier settlements of N. Mexico before the winter sets in; and if we succeed in that we shall set our homeward as early in the spring as possible, locating and marking the road as we come.

We beg leave to urge the receipt you to furnish us, with the least possible delay, authority to proceed with our work beyond the boundary line of the U. States. We shall probably reach that line early in September, and if very long detained there, may be unable to get through this season, which would very much increase our expenses, and either oblige us to overrun the appropriation of execute the law very imperfectly.

We have the honour to be your obedient servants.

G.C. Sibley

B.H. Reeves